

THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY TO THE VARIOUSLY COLORED PEOPLES

in 1728, william byrd of virginia, wrote:

"there is but one way of converting these poor infidels, and reclaiming them from barbarity, and that is, charitably to intermarry with them."

and a few lines later:

"the principal difference between one people and another proceeds only from the different opportunities of improvement."

and finally: "it is strange, therefore, that any good christian should have refused a wholesome, straight bed-fellow, when he might have had so fair a portion with her, as the merit of saving her soul."

such a simple lesson, perceived so long ago, and still, on the eve of destruction, not merely unlearned, but violently resisted.

THE NIGHT TOM SNYDER SAID SOMETHING INTELLIGENT

he was interviewing some southern moral majority senator who kept complaining about the power of the media, and all of a sudden snyder said,

"but don't you realize, senator, that the people only turned to television as a court of last resort when they realized that you politicians had no intention of listening to their legitimate gripes,

and furthermore, there are three networks but only one united states government."

the senator tried to mumble something about there being at least two political parties, but it was too late to prevent from happening

the thing that had not happened before and has not happened since:

tom snyder had said something intelligent.